Stamping of powerloom cloth at production stage to prevent its mixing with handloom cloth

2630. SHIR PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether powerloom cloth is stamped at the production stage to prevent mixing of powerloom cloth with handloom cloth as recommended by the High powered Handloom Committee headed by B. Sivaraman, the then Member of the Planning Commission; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Powerloom cloth is not stamped at the production stage. The powerloom cloth, after weaving, is sent to the processing house. The Textiles (Consumer Protection) Regulation, 1988 envisages compulsory stamping of the cloth before it is lifted from the processing house. In case the cloth is meant for sale after calendering without being processed, the calendering house is required to stamp the cloth. The Handloom Sector is exempted from stamping the cloth. Non-handloom cloth is exempted from stamping only where it is loom-stage grey cloth. The Handloom Sector does not produce significant quantity of cloth in grey form. Therefore, it is possible to distinguish handloom cloth from non-handloom cloth including powerloom cloth.

Rajasthan Government's claim in sharing of Yamuna Waters

2631. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan Government is claiming its share in Yamuna waters since long;

(b) whether a meeting with the Chief Ministers of basic States has been fixed in order to resolve the issue; and

(c) what was the outcome of a meeting held by the Chairman, CWC on 22nd December, 1989 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A draft agreement on sharing of Yamuna waters was circulated to the States concerned for comments.

IISCO Modrenisation Scheme

2632. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Business Standard' and 'The Telegraph' dated the 22nd July, 1990 about the divergent opinion between SAIL and the Department of Steel regardnig implementation of IISCO modernisation scheme;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) what is the exact modernisation outlay in details; and

(d) whether modernisation is to be implemented at one time or in phases?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) IISCO modernisation project has been under consideration of SAIL and Government because of various issues both financial and techno-economic, which are involved in this project. Various view points do emerge in the process of such examination. The objective is to evolve an optimum approach to